

Gloria Wallick is responsible for the current strength and upward trend of Child Care in Nassau County. She leaves behind a strong legacy and is a good example of the difference that one person can make. I applaud Gloria for her dedication to our community, and thank her on behalf of the parents and children of Nassau County who have benefited from her hard work and commitment.

TRIBUTE TO RUSH LIMBAUGH

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a growing legend in American talk radio. Conservative talk show host, Rush Limbaugh, who many know simply as Rush, has brought America back from ultra-liberalism to a more moderate, mainstream approach to politics and the American way of life.

Rush recently received the largest contract ever for a radio personality. He is deserving of the contract and also deserves to be commended for what he has done for this country. Rush was a voice of reason and had a tremendous influence on the passage of my reforms of the Internal Revenue Service. Those reforms have had a significant impact on the lives of Americans everywhere, saving their properties and their homes, providing for their day in court in a civil tax case, and shifting the burden of proof in a civil tax case from the taxpayer to the IRS. The law reduced property seizures from 10,037 to 151 in one year and dramatically reduced wage attachment and property liens. That law, which saves the homes of over 10,000 Americans every year, may not have become a reality without the help of one man's voice, heard by millions.

Though there are many who disagree with the positions he takes on tough issues, Rush provokes thought and debate on the issues that will shape the future of our great nation. He has a tremendous responsibility with the number of Americans who seek out his opinions, and he deserves credit for taking that responsibility very seriously.

Rush Limbaugh is making a difference, and I thank him for his contributions to the spirit of American political debate.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF INA MARIE LEE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of a Toledoan and American of note. Ina Marie Lee. Miss Lee passed away at 108 years of age.

Miss Lee was a nurse and a veteran of World War I. She was considered the oldest living veteran in Northwest Ohio, and was one of the oldest in our nation. She served as a nurse during the war, stationed with the Army in Mobile, Alabama and Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Upon her discharge at the War's end, she worked as a private nurse for several of Toledo's prominent families. She did not retire

from nursing until the age of 85, after a 55 year career.

Ina Marie Lee was born in the tiny town of Jerry City in Wood County, Ohio. The daughter of a poultry farmer, Ina dreamed of being a nurse. After overcoming tuberculosis as a child, she realized that goal and was one of the first graduates of the former Toledo Hospital School of Nursing. Graduates of the school still meet, and Ina was a revered and popular member. She was "a wonderful role model for other nurses," according to her longtime friend and nurse Mary Lou Leonard.

Believed to be a descendant of General Robert E. Lee. Ina joined the Army on June 10, 1918. As a distinguished veteran, she was a member of the American Legion Argonne Post 545. She was also a member of the Toledo Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Toledo Hospital Alumni Association, the Idlewood Rebekah Lodge No. 565 in Jerry City, and the Westgate Chapel in Toledo. She was several times the Grand Marshall in Toledo parades and was featured on NBC's Today Show on two occasions. It was my personal honor to join Ina at a recent nurses reunion in Toledo where we unveiled a statue to honor nurses and their contributions to our community.

These few words on the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD cannot do justice to this most remarkable of women and her life well-lived. Perhaps the words of her friend. Ms. Leonard, say it best. Ina Marie Lee "was a fun-loving, happy, caring person. She loved live life, she loved people, and she loved helping people." No greater tribute can there be than to have been recognized and appreciated as a friend, confidante, and dedicated nurse. We extend to her sister, Genetta Grau, and her niece and nephews our heartfelt condolence. At the same time, we celebrate a truly incredible life and honor her memory by trying to live in its example.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the great work of the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center in spreading awareness of hearing loss issues and in providing services to those who are affected by hearing loss.

Founded by President Garfield's daughter-in-law, Helen Newell Garfield, in 1921 the CHSC is the oldest hearing and speech center in the United States and the only nonprofit organization in Northeast Ohio dedicated solely to meeting the hearing, speech, and deafness needs of the community.

To observe its 80th year anniversary this year CHSC will partner with 14 Cleveland attractions for the first annual Communication Celebration. American Sign Language interpreters will be placed at each of the following attractions: The Children's Museum of Cleveland, Cleveland Botanical Garden, The Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland Metroparks Nature Centers, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Great Lakes Science Center, The Health Mu-

seum of Cleveland, Lake View Cemetery, The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum, Steamship William G. Mather Museum, and Western Reserve Historical Society. The event will serve as the culmination of National Deaf Awareness Week.

This is an issue that affects many people. More than 28 million Americans have a hearing loss and approximately 2 million of them are profoundly deaf. One of every 22 infants has hearing problems and one of every 1000 infants is born deaf. But, unfortunately, only an estimated 20 percent of people who could benefit from hearing aids have them. Nonetheless communications skills are the number one predictor of academic success for children and the number one predictor of success at the workplace for adults.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding the efforts of this great organization in spreading awareness and for the hard work it has contributed to this cause.

RECOGNIZING MIRA ROSENFELD SENNETT

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Mira Rosenfeld Sennett, a noted educator in the Jewish community of Nassau County, and a resident of Atlantic Beach, Long Island.

Since she began her career three decades ago at the Brandeis Day School, Mira has been teaching and supervising special education in the New York school system while simultaneously pursuing her love of Jewish education. Over the past 30 years, she has taught at the Hebrew High School and the State University at Stony Brook and directed the Five Towns School of Special Education for the Special Child, Temple Beth El Religious School and the Hebrew School at the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach.

Mira is known for her love of community and Jewish learning, and she has shared these qualities with countless others. For years, Mira has organized adult education classes and book reviews for members of our community. Not only has she participated in community events, but she has brought unique ideas to life by teaching others about Judaism while sharing her own experiences. She has led youth groups to Israel and Europe. She is a former executive board member of Hadassah, UJA, and USY and served as president of the Five Towns Jewish Council and Vice President of Jewish Women International for the greater New York region.

On the occasion of Israel's 50th anniversary, Mira was recognized by the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Nassau County as one of 50 residents who make a difference. Additionally, she received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching from SUNY.

Mira emigrated from Israel in 1958. She received her undergraduate degree in Supervision and Administration from C.W. Post and a postgraduate degree in Special Education and an MS in History and Jewish Education from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Mira feels that her greatest accomplishment and dearest reward is her family: her husband Hershel, her children Avery and Robyn Rosenfeld, Drs. Tierry and Melissa Abitbol, Rosalie Sennett and Jonathan and Marianne Sennet, and her grandchildren David, Lauren, Dani, Sophie, Emma and Shaenna.

Mira Rosenfeld Sennett's commitment to our community and our children's education, Judaic and otherwise, is commendable. As a friend, I applaud Mira and her loving family for Mira's accomplishments over the years, and I thank her for all she has done for the Jewish community of Nassau County.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ANGELINE N.
PAOLONE

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Angeline N. Paolone, a remarkable woman who contributed greatly to her family, her community, and this country. She passed away at the age of eighty-nine. She will be deeply missed.

One of seven sisters and four brothers, she leaves six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. She also leaves a daughter, Betty, and two sons, Louis and Anthony.

Mrs. Paolone was an active member of the St. Rose Church in Girard, Ohio, and the Ohio Leather Works Retirees Club where she dedicated much time helping others.

Angeline Paolone will be greatly missed by the Girard community. She touched the lives of many, and was a friend to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

I extend my deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GILLIAN
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HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Gillian Ream for being awarded the David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship from the National Security Education Program (NSEP).

NSEP was established in 1992 to produce a more internationally competent citizenry and to strengthen the expertise base in the federal sector. In the past seven years, NSEP has invested more than \$37 million and provided outstanding opportunities for over 2,000 graduate and undergraduate students.

Upon receiving this award, the students must agree to seek work in the Federal government in an organization with national security responsibilities. In addition, each student must have studied in a field that is important to U.S. national security, must display foreign language capability, and must have studied extensively in and about other countries or regions.

In receiving this award, Mr. Ream was one of 143 students out of several hundred applicants to receive the Boren Scholarship.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Gillian Ream for being awarded the David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT
OF POLICE CHIEF DOMINICK J.
RIVETTI

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my very good friend, Dominick J. Rivetti, retiring Chief of the Police Department of the City of San Fernando. It has been my great pleasure to know Dominick for more than a decade and to see first hand his strong commitment to the City of San Fernando and the safety of its residents. I've had the opportunity to work with him on many issues both in his capacity as Chief and also as head of the Los Angeles County Chiefs of Police, especially with regard to the enactment, extension and expansion of the federal "Cops on the Beat" program and the maintenance of funding for the L.A. County Narcotics Task Force. Over the many years of our friendship, I have developed enormous admiration for his integrity, his dedication and his competence.

Dominick is retiring after thirty-one years of distinguished service in law enforcement with the San Fernando Police Department. He began his career as a police officer and worked his way through the ranks of the Department, enjoying more and more responsible positions until he was named Chief of Police in December of 1985. During his 15-year tenure as Chief, Dominick has developed many innovative programs and under his able leadership, the San Fernando Police Department has thrived as a community friendly, highly effective law enforcement agency.

Dominick's achievements are perhaps understood best through his personal philosophy toward law enforcement. He not only believes that the Department should protect the community, but that the Department must be an integral part of the community. Under his guidance, the Department has made San Fernando a safer, more peaceful place, embracing the notion that this can best be accomplished through earning and maintaining the support of the community. It is noteworthy that in the past five years, violent crime in San Fernando has dropped more than 50 percent and overall, crime has been reduced by 44 percent.

Dominick has directed his Police Department to use its resources so as to get more officers on the street and into the community. He has seen to it that programs for young people such as DARE and special youth at risk prevention/intervention programs have been implemented. These programs help keep children from falling through the cracks by redirecting their energy and activities from potentially dangerous ones to constructive ones.

Dominick's commitment to public service extends beyond his official law enforcement duties. He has been an active member of the San Fernando Kiwanis Club, the San Fernando Rotary and the Board of Directors Northeast Valley Jeopardy Program. He also has taught at UCLA and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department North Academy.

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to pay tribute to my good friend Dominick Rivetti. He will be greatly missed by the City of San Fernando, but he will be leaving an extremely competent, honored Police Department and a safer community as his legacy. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him many happy, healthy and productive years ahead.

RENAMING OF USNS GUNNERY
SGT. FRED W. STOCKHAM

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, recently my family had the honor of participating in the renaming ceremony for the *USNS Gunner Sergeant Fred W. Stockham* at Blount Island Command in Jacksonville, Florida. The event was held to rename the Maritime Prepositioning Force (Enhanced) ship *Stockham* after Medal of Honor recipient and World War I hero, Fred W. Stockham.

The *USNS Stockham* will be part of the Maritime Prepositioning Force of ships operated by the United States Military Sealift Command. These ships carry additional airfield matting, fleet hospital equipment, construction battalion equipment and other supplies needed to supplement the requirements of a forward-deployed military force.

The ships that make up the Maritime Prepositioning Force of the Military Sealift Command play a vital role in our nation's national defense. Our military relies on its capability to be a sustainable force and project its power throughout the world. Maritime Prepositioning Force ships perform this mission by offering our military the equipment needed to be a fast deploying, mobile and sustainable force.

The July 6th renaming event for the newest of our Maritime Prepositioning Force ships offered my family the chance to incorporate the personal background of the ship's new namesake with that of our own life experiences. My wife, Mrs. Kitty Crenshaw, was given the honor of being the *Stockham's* official sponsor. She performed the ceremonial breaking of the champagne bottle over the ship's railing and was given the opportunity to offer her personal thoughts of motherly pride for the men and women that would man the *Stockham*.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the speech given by Mrs. Kitty Crenshaw at the renaming ceremony for the *USNS Fred W. Stockham* into today's RECORD. This speech is an example of the pride our nation holds for our military personnel and the pride a mother feels not only for her own children, but also those in her heart.

Thank you Mr. Speaker for the time today to discuss the *USNS Fred W. Stockham* renaming event and the vital role the men and women of the Military Sealift Command play in the capabilities of our military force.

I was thrilled when I was asked to be the sponsor of this ship. It seemed like an exciting and wonderful thing to experience. As I read about Sgt. Stockham and the traditions of this time-honored ceremony, I became increasingly humbled and grateful for this rarest of honors. As a mother, I felt especially honored and even singled out for this particular ship named